IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the abstract as follows:

The invention relates to new basic amino acid derivatives of general formulae I, II and III, formula I and the preparation and use thereof in treatment of pain. The compounds have histogranin-like antinociceptive, morphine potentiating and COX-2 induction modulating activities.

Formula II

Formula III

wherein:

A is -hydrogen, --(C₁-C₈)alkyl or --(C₁-C₈)alkyl substituted by hydroxy;

D is --(CO)--, --(CO)--(C_1 - C_6)alkylene or --(C_1 - C_6) alkylene;

E is a single bond or --(C_t-C₆)alkylene;

Z is --NH.sub.2, --NH--(C₁-C₆)alkylcarboxamide, --NH--(C1-C6)alkyl, --NH--(N-benzyl), --NH-cyclo(C₅-C₇)alkyl, --NH-2-(1-piperidyl)ethyl, --NH-2-(1-pyrrolidyl)ethyl, --NH-2-(1-pyridyl)ethyl, --NH-2-(morpholino)ethyl, -morpholino, -piperidyl, --OH, --(C₁-C₆)alkoxy, --O-benzyl or --O-halobenzyl;

 R^1 , R^2 and R^3 are, independent of one another, -hydrogen, -arylcarbonylamino, --(C_1 - C_6)alkoylamino, --(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino, --(C_1 - C_6)alkylaminocarbonyl, -carboxy, --OH, -benzoyl, -p-halogenobenzoyl, -methyl, --S-(2,4-dinitrophenyl), --S-(3-nitro-2-pyridinesulfenyl), -sulfonyl, -trifluoromethyl, --(C_1 - C_6)alkylaminocarbonylamino, -halo or -amino;

 R^4 and R^5 are, independent of one another, -hydrogen, --(C_1 - C_6)alkyl, -methyloxy, -nitro, -amino, -arylcarbonylamino, --(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino, --(C_1 - C_6)alkylamino, -halo or --OH.